

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Groups and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani
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DATE: November 25, 1998

RE: Variation in Access to Care by Gender

This week's PIP analysis continues the demographic analysis by looking at differences in access to services by male and female residents of Vermont for each of six age groups.

Among adults, substantially more women than men accessed community mental health programs in every age group. The difference was greatest in adult outpatient programs, although the difference in utilization of this program decreased with age. In CRT programs, there was no gender difference in the per capita participation rate in the 20-34 age group and a small difference in the 35-49 age group, but women substantially outnumbered men among CRT clients in the over 50 age groups.

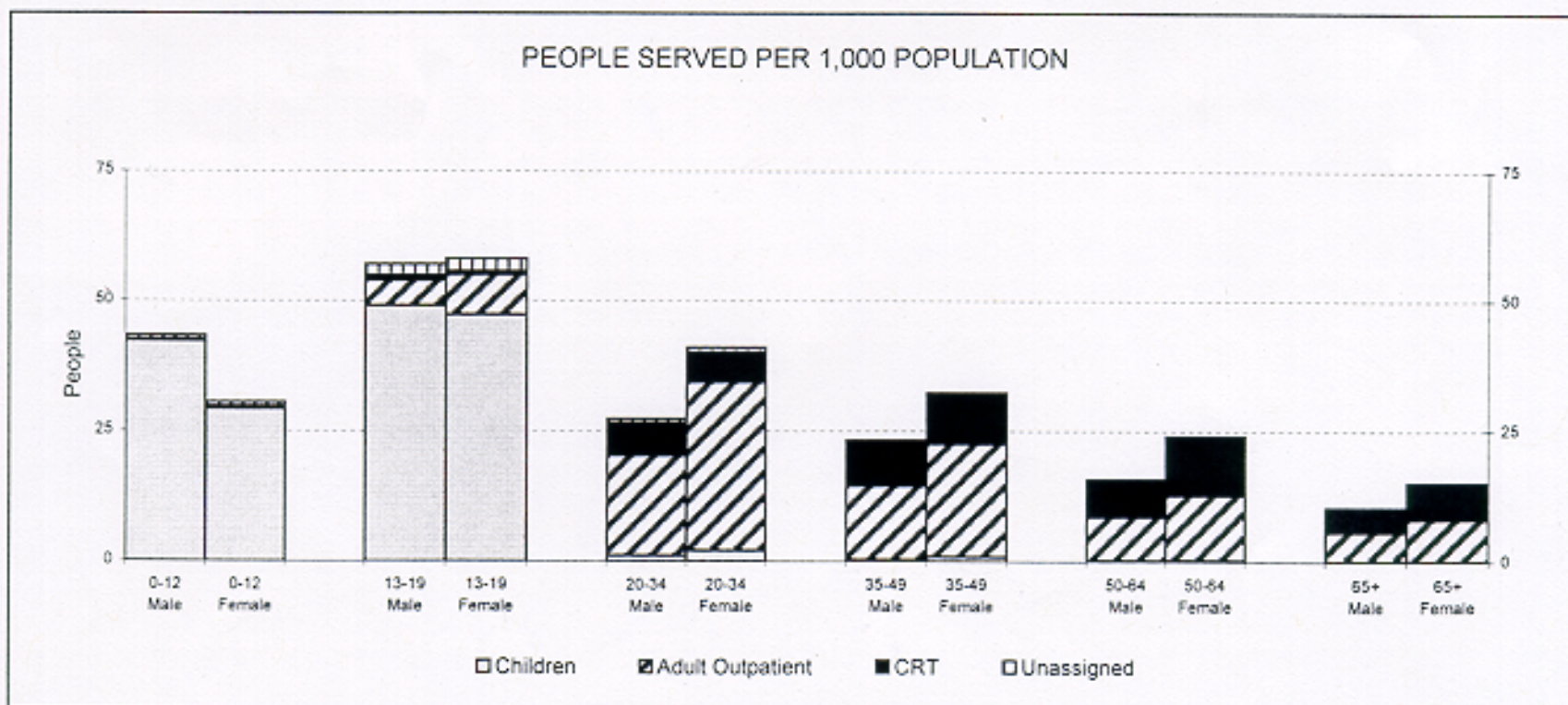
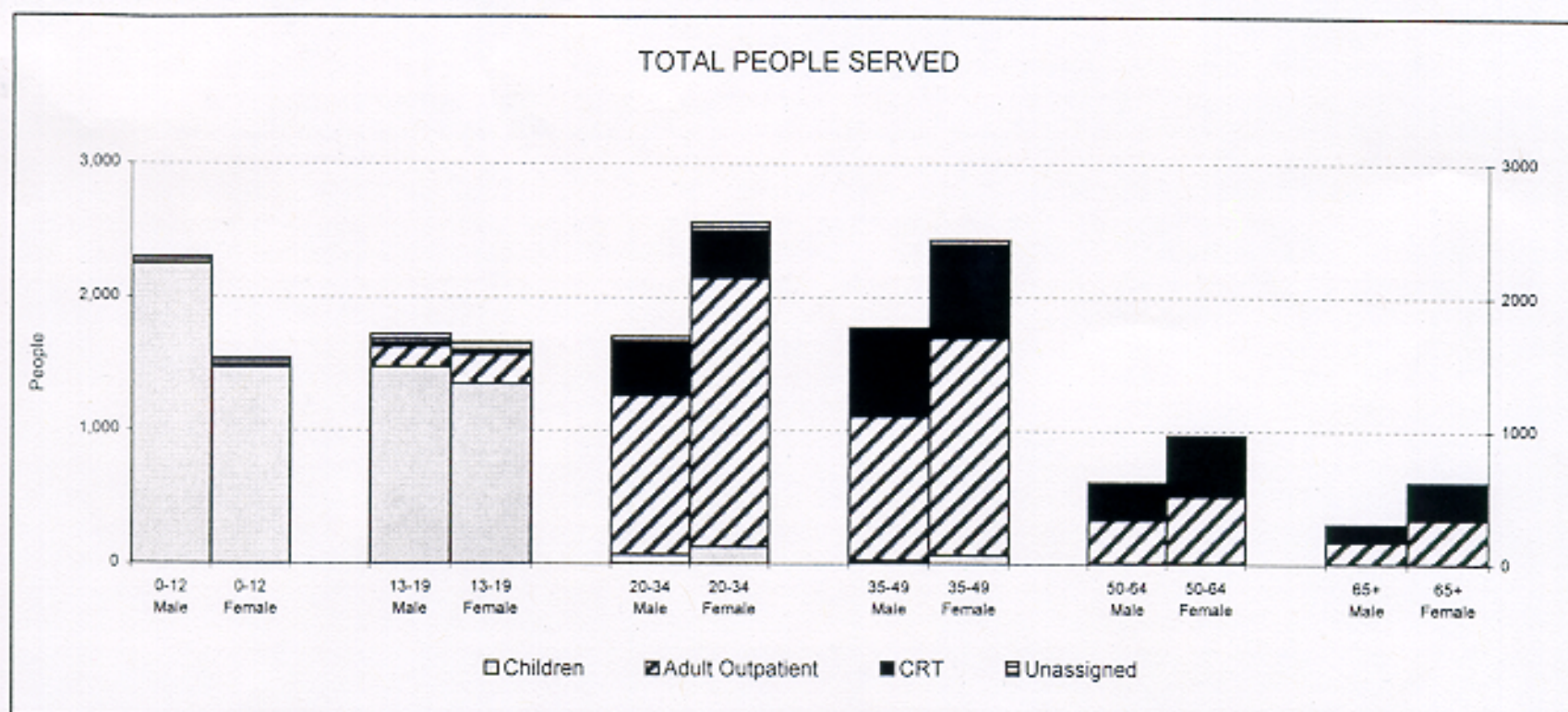
Among children (less than 13 years of age) boys substantially outnumbered girls among community mental health clients, and among adolescents (13-19) boys and girls were served at about the same rate.

Once again, the caseload at most community mental health centers conformed to the statewide pattern, although there are very large differences in utilization rates for individual age and gender groups.

As always, we will be interested in your interpretation of these results and your suggestions for other indicators of access to care, practice patterns, and treatment outcomes that can be derived from existing data sources. Please e-mail your comments and suggestions to pip@ddmhs.state.vt.us, or give one of us a call (802-241-2638 for John, or ...2682 for Bill).

Enclosures

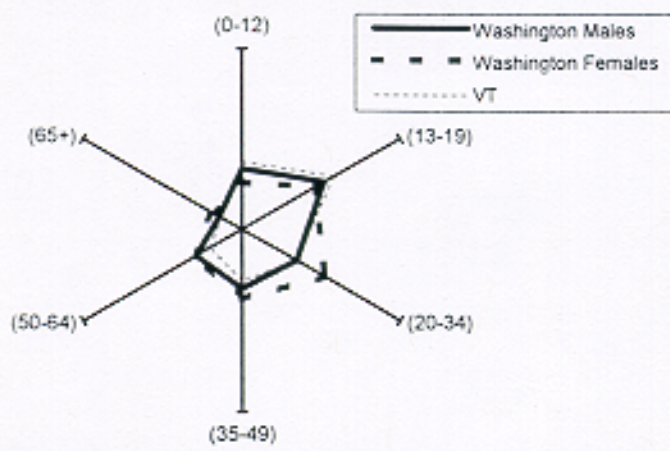
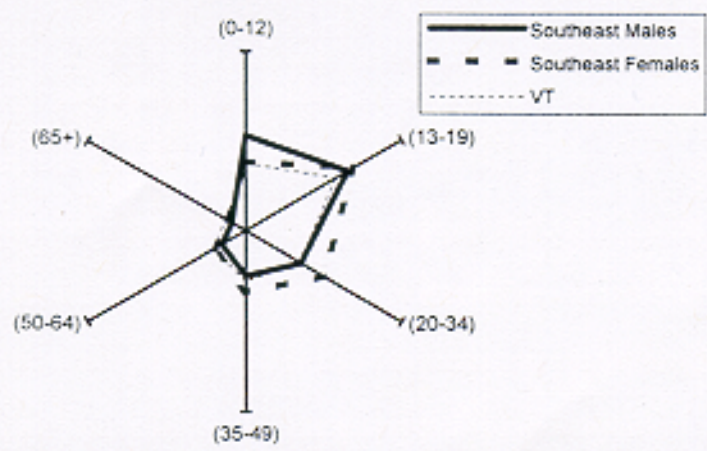
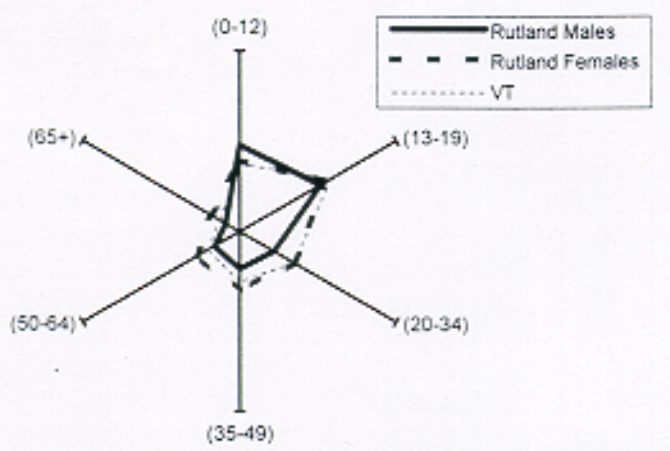
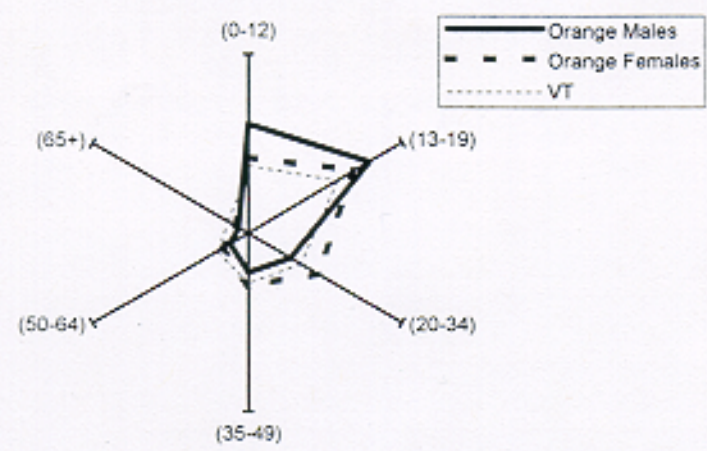
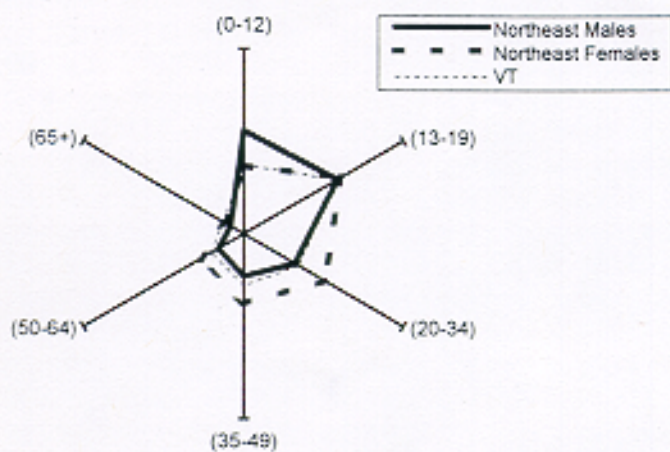
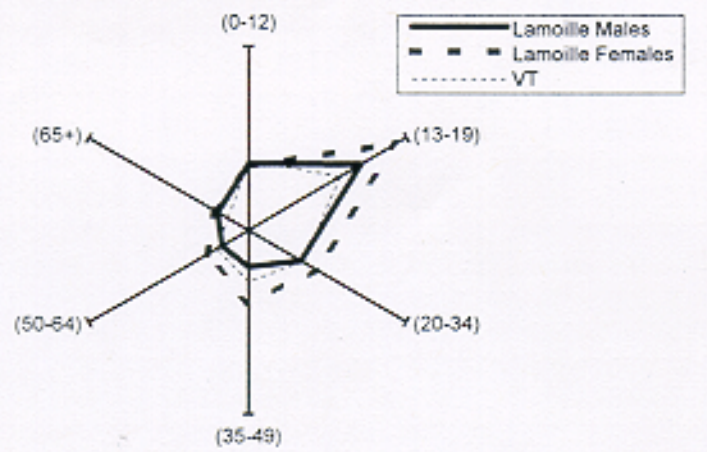
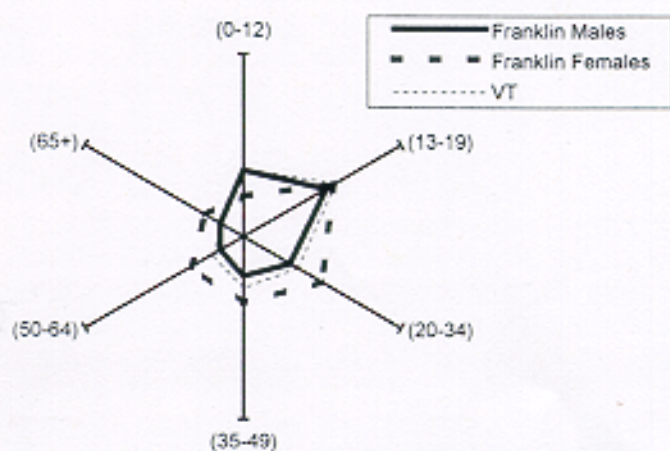
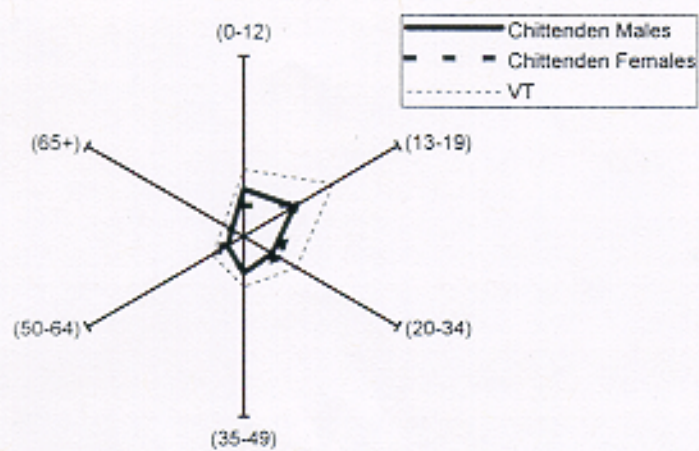
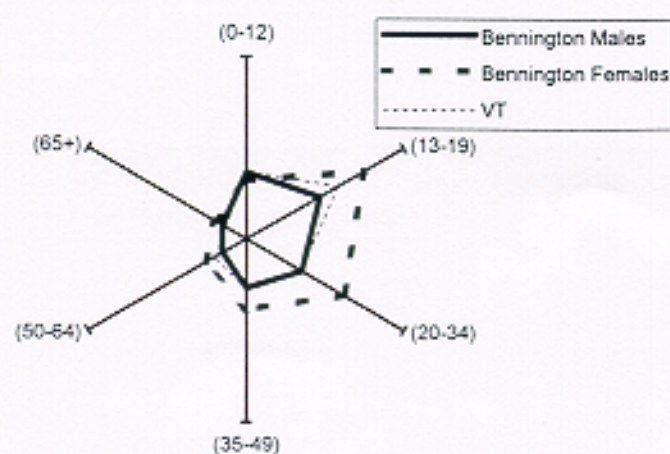
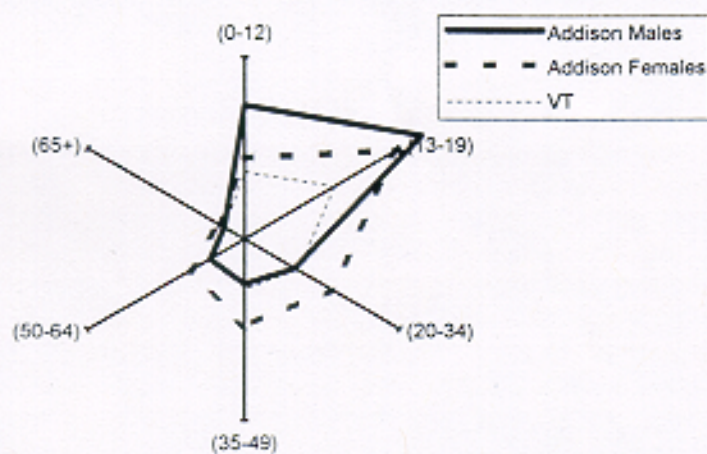
**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS SERVED BY AGE AND GENDER:
TOTAL AND PER 1,000 POPULATION, FY1996**



	0-12		13-19		20-34		35-49		50-64		65+	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Children's Services												
Number Served	2251	1477	1477	1349	70	130	26	69	8	13	4	3
Rate Per 1,000	42	29	49	47	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Adult Outpatient												
Number Served	10	19	148	221	1,192	2,017	1,080	1,626	327	501	168	339
Rate Per 1,000	0	0	5	8	19	32	14	22	8	12	6	8
Community Rehabilitation and Treatment												
Number Served	1	2	31	18	395	353	638	691	273	446	133	272
Rate Per 1,000	0	0	1	1	6	6	8	9	7	11	5	7
Unassigned												
Number Served	40	44	64	71	47	63	29	46	8	9	2	3
Rate Per 1,000	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total												
Number Served	2,302	1,542	1,720	1,659	1,704	2,563	1,773	2,432	616	969	307	617
Population	53,201	50,417	30,142	28,508	62,195	62,465	76,063	75,178	38,947	40,235	29,462	41,841
Rate Per 1,000	43	31	57	58	27	41	23	32	16	24	10	15

Total people served is based on quarterly service reports submitted by Vermont's community service providers. The 1996 population figures are based on estimates published by the Vermont Department of Health and the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont. Individuals served by more than one agency are counted more than once.

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Per capita figures are based on the number of clients represented in Quarterly Service Reports (QSR) submitted by Vermont's community service providers, and population figures published by the Vermont Department of Health. The statewide per capita figures are based on the total population for each age category.